

# The BROAD AX

HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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## The Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann Seems to Have Some of The Members of the Illinois State Commission on the Dead Run, For They Are Anxious to Have Him Resume His Duties As Its Secretary; They Are Unable to Draw Funds Out of the Bank Without His Signature to the Checks

COL. SWANN CONTENDS THAT HE HAS BEEN ON THE SQUARE ALL THE TIME; THAT HE HAS HAD A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE GOOD; THAT THE BROAD AX WAS SO HOT AFTER HIM THAT HE HAD NO CHANCE OF GETTING AWAY WITH ANY MONEY OR ANYTHING ELSE OF ANY VALUE.

THAT WITH VOUCHERS PROPERLY ENDORSED OR SIGNED UP HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE MONEY WHICH HE HAS EXPENDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMISSION AND WILL DO SO AT THE PROPER TIME.

THE REV. HON. A. J. CAREY, PH. D. D. D., IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT HE IS ONE OF THE MOST EXPERT DOUBLE CROSSERS IN THIS COUNTRY VOTED TO REMOVE HIS CHUM, COL. SWANN, FROM THE COMMISSION. IN THE NEAR FUTURE SOMETHING MIGHTY HEAVY MAY DROP ON THE HEAD OF THE POLITICAL PREACHER.

IN SPITE OF THE WRANGLING AND FIGHTING AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, SEEMINGLY, THE EXPOSITION AND THE FIFTY YEARS OF FREEDOM AND LINCOLN JUBILEE CELEBRATION WILL PROVE A SUCCESS.

THE RIOT AND WILD SCENES PREVAILED IN THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. ON THURSDAY MANY POLICEMEN WERE STATIONED IN THE FIRST REGIMENT ARMORY TO PREVENT THE BRETHREN FROM CLUTCHING EACH OTHER BY THE THROATS.

THE WARRING FACTIONS RUSHED INTO CHIEF JUSTICE FREDERICK A. SMITH'S COURT, WHERE AN INJUNCTION WAS OBTAINED TO PREVENT REV. E. C. MORRIS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION TO HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH ITS PROCEEDINGS.

HON. F. L. BARNETT, W. L. MARTIN, S. A. T. WATKINS AND HENRY M. PORTER REPRESENTED REV. MORRIS AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE HON. B. F. MOSELEY, WILLIAM G. ANDERSON AND P. W. HOWARD OF VICKSBURG, MISS., REPRESENTED REV. E. P. JONES AND HIS ADHERENTS, WHO CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

SHORTLY AFTER THREE O'CLOCK JUSTICE SMITH DESOLVED THE INJUNCTION IN THE MIDST OF THE GREATEST EXCITEMENT AND CONFUSION IN HIS COURT ROOM. THE JUDGE AND HIS BAILIFFS GAVE UP THE ATTEMPT TO RESTORE ORDER AND QUIET THE SHOUTING AND FIGHTING PREACHERS. FINALLY REV. MYRON ADAMS, PASTOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THIS CITY, 31ST STREET AND SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SUCCEEDED IN QUIETING THEM DOWN AFTER HE HAD TALKED TO THEM STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER, AND IT WAS DECIDED TO PERMIT HIM AND JUSTICE SMITH TO SETTLE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE WARRING FACTIONS WITHOUT THE AID OF THE LAWYERS.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, THE NOTED WIZARD OF TUSKEGEE, ALA., ADDRESSED THE CONVENTION LAST EVENING.

The members of the Illinois State Commission have been for the past week fighting and going on among themselves like unto a pack of old wet hens and they are more than distrustful of each other and while they were in that frame of mind they engaged two fly-cops to stand guard around the headquarters of the exposition and it is said that those two fly-cops were instructed to grab or very softly lay their hands on the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann if he attempted to break into the meeting of the commission and it appears that some of the commission were in favor of seizing him and rushing him off to some mad house and failing in that attempt they made up their minds that the next best thing to do was to unhorse him as the secretary of the commission and that feat was skillfully accomplished before any one had time to count one, two, three. Not long afterwards it flashed across their minds that they had made a grave mistake for Bishop Samuel Fallows and no one else connected with the commission can draw one dollar from the bank without the signature of the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann to the checks demanding the money and from that very hour to the present time the commissioners have been more than willing to have him to resume his duties so as to enable them to feel and han-

dle the money for they are all money mad, but so far he still holds aloof from them and he feels that he has some of the commissioners on the dead run.

It is contended by some of the friends and supporters of Col. Swann that he has been on the square all the time, that he fully realized that he had the golden opportunity to make good that the writer was so hot after him that he had no chance of even attempting to get away with any money or with anything else of any value; that being armed with vouchers properly endorsed or signed up he can account for all the money which he has expended in connection with the commission and that he will do so at the proper time.

Col. Swann has spent much of his time the past four or five years in cussing out those who have failed to fall down and worship at the feet of the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. D., and to repay or reward him for his trouble in that respect the expert double-crossing political preacher voted to remove his chum Col. Swann from the commission. In the near future something mighty heavy may fall or drop on the head of the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. D. In spite of the wrangling and cussing among the commissioners, seem-

ingly, the exposition and the fifty years of freedom and the Lincoln celebration will prove a success.

The delegates attending the National Baptist Convention struck town on Monday and Tuesday many of them with bad blood in their eyes and some of them felt that some one was endeavoring to run over them and that the only way to prevent them from doing so would be to start a riot, and Wednesday and Thursday so much disorder and so many wild scenes were enacted that many policemen were stationed in the 1st Regiment Armory to prevent the brethren from clutching each other by the throats and thereby bring everlasting disgrace upon the whole shooting-match. Most of the delegates are preachers but up to this writing they have conducted themselves ten thousand times worse than the common pothouse, tinhorn or ward politician who are ever ready to start a rough-house and to knock down and drag out those who may happen to differ with them.

The warring or contending factions rushed into Chief Justice F. A. Smith's court where an injunction was obtained on Thursday morning to prevent E. C. Morris, president of the convention, to have anything further to do with its proceedings. All the biggest colored lawyers in town were mixed up in the court end of the fight: Hon. F. L. Barnett, W. L. Martin, S. A. T. Watkins and Henry M. Porter represented Rev. Morris and his followers.

On the other side the Hon. B. F. Moseley, William G. Anderson and P. W. Howard of Vicksburg, Miss., represented Rev. E. P. Jones and his adherents who claimed that he was elected president of the convention.

After the army of able lawyers had fought around among each other and among the preachers who crowded in the court room Justice Smith decided to dissolve the injunction and in doing so the greatest excitement and confusion prevailed in his court room, the preachers making more noise than their camp followers. Judge Smith and his bailiffs gave up the attempt to restore order and quiet the fighting and shouting preachers.

The Rev. Myron Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, 31st and South Park ave., must be given full credit for succeeding in quieting them down and after he stood and talked to them straight from the shoulder and it was finally decided to permit him and Justice Smith to settle the differences between the warring factions without the aid of the lawyers.

Last evening Booker T. Washington, the far-famed wizard of Tuskegee, Ala., addressed the convention.

### INSTALLS FINE EXHIBIT.

National Baptist Publishing House located at Nashville, Tennessee Makes Exceptional Display at Lincoln Jubilee Celebration.

Thousands of people in attendance at the Lincoln Jubilee Celebration have viewed the splendid exhibit being made by the National Baptist Publishing Board of Nashville, Tenn. The exhibit is in charge of an experienced display man who is employed constantly at the Publishing House. One of the most attractive features of the exhibit is the uniqueness with which it is arranged and installed. It shows a graduation in efficiency in the art-preservative, having on display their productions in

mechanism and literary art from the smallest postal card to a mammoth leather or morocco bound book, the entire exhibit being the work of members of the race employed in the institution.

Spectators have already lingered long and admiringly at the skill and mechanical perfection displayed in these articles. Their admiration increases when they are told by the instructor that every one of the vast number of people employed at the Nashville institution came to work without experience at any firm or institution in their particular line of work. The exhibit shows samples of twenty-three different song books, in which, in most cases, the music was written, composed, arranged, printed, bound and sent out by members of the race. Every line of Sunday-school requisites and church helps needed for their denomination is also shown. In connection with this, there is a Church Supply Exhibit showing that members of the race have actually been taught the art of cabinet making. In their Church Supply Department anything can be made of wood from a collection plate to the most expensive church pews, pulpits and pulpit furniture. The upholstering, the cut of the furniture and the finish of the same have attracted a little attention. There is also a complete display of Negro Dolls ranging in size from the tiniest 12-inch doll, which is well dressed, to one measuring about 3 feet in height. Free literature is given those who stop to view the display. It has already been pronounced

as the most unique exhibit at the Celebration, where it is learned that it will remain until the Exposition closes. The governor of Michigan in viewing this exhibit pronounced it the best arranged and most complete he had seen. The Chicago Daily American paid especial attention to it through its news columns.

### HYDE PARK NEWS.

By L. W. Washington.

Captain Brown has returned from Michigan, where he spent the summer.

Mrs. Annie L. Shelby of 5807 Blackstone ave., gave an automobile party, touring the city with her invited guest. A very pleasing social affair to be sure.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair of 5334 Kenwood ave., have moved to 42nd and Evans ave.

Mr. E. H. Brown has returned to Indiana Harbor to work in a bank. We wish him success.

Mr. Saunders has purchased an automobile. He likewise owns a two-story brick residence in Hyde Park.

Mr. Robert Douglas, Miss Catherine Manney, and Master Hamibal Washington have entered upon their work in the Hyde Park High school. All we ask of them is to make good. Don't go to sleep on the job!



BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS.

President of the National Colored Democratic League who appears to have gotten in bad with President Woodrow Wilson and the members of his cabinet.

### THE ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.

The Alpha Suffrage Club has resumed its regular meeting at 3005 State st., every Wednesday evening. All visitors in the city, who are interested in the study of the women's political movement in Chicago, are invited.

At the meeting this week the club plans to have at least four of its members take the Policewomen's Examination. All interested are urged to come to the meeting next Wednesday night and get the facts.

The club is planning to open its fall work for the reception.

IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT, Pres.

### WILL LIVE AMONG NEGROES.

Englishwoman Will Test "Dream of Brotherhood."

San Francisco.—Miss Florence MacFarlane, a delegate from London, England, is going to live among Negroes, she announced today in an address before the New Thought Congress, to test the practicability of universal brotherhood.

"If I can live happily among the Blacks," she said, "if I can love them as I love the people of my own race, then I will know that our dream of brotherhood for all races may come true."

Booker T. Washington, while in the city, will be guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hall, 3405 S. Park ave.